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## Character & Integrity



By LTJG Peter C. Holden CHC, USNR

"If I am standing in the middle of the forest speaking and my spouse is not around to hear me, am I still wrong?" We may never know the answer to this age-old question, yet it brings up a great point concerning character and integrity. I have always defined integrity as: What we do when no one is looking. In essence, it is what we are willing to do as long as we don't get caught. This bleeds into who we are as individuals, our character. Thomas Paine said, "Our reputation is what man *thinks* of us. Our character is what God *knows* about us." If a

man lies to himself in the middle of the woods, is it still wrong?

"Integrity is not a 90 percent thing, not a 95 percent thing; either you have it or you don't" (Peter Scotese). Integrity is *not* a matter of being perfect, but being honest. We are a forgiving people, generally. While it is hard to have compassion on the drug abuser who leaves his family, the one who admits to the problem, works hard to conquer the addiction, and works even harder to keep the family in tact is someone we may even admire. It is not our imperfections or failures that are the issue (we all have them), it is what we do about them.

Think about the people we most trust, admire or respect (not just like or get along with). Is it because they are perfect? Of course not, but there is something unique about their character. Mistakes are made, poor judgment happens, and all too often we wish we could take back something we said. The old cowboy saying, "Never miss a good chance to shut up," is something we can all relate to. The lack of perfection allows us to relate to each other. However, the lack of character/integrity results in a self-inflicted void of an existence. As Samuel Johnson said, "There can be no friendship without confidence, and no confidence without integrity."★

## IKE CHAPEL SCHEDULE:

Roman Catholic Mass—Sundays at 1500

Confessions heard before Mass

Protestant Worship Service—Sundays at 1600

Weekday Catholic Mass—Monday-Friday at noon

All services aboard ship in Classroom 2 (02-88-8-Q)

## Frequently Asked Questions: USMAPS Program

Courtesy of the Command Career Counselors

The United Services Military Apprenticeship Program is a training system by which active duty servicemembers can earn certification for skills learned through documented work experience and related technical instruction. These are some of the most frequently asked questions regarding the program:

### Q. WHY WAS I REJECTED?

**A.** The most frequent cause for rejection is the lack of information received with the application (i.e., service record entries showing schools attended and date of rate). Your application may also be rejected if it is filled out incorrectly or vital information is missing (e.g., AIMS Symbol or SSN).

### Q. WHAT IS MY STATUS?

**A.** You can check your status on this Web site by accessing your USMAP on-line record <https://usmap.cnet.navy.mil/pls/usmap/login.startup>.

### Q. WHY DIDN'T I RECEIVE PREREGISTRATION CREDIT?

**A.** You didn't receive preregistration credit because you haven't earned it or we did not receive documentation showing your past work experience. To receive preregistration credit, you must have worked in your rating for at least one full year prior to registration into the USMAP. The prior work experience must be related to the trade you are applying for.

### Q. HOW IS PREREGISTRATION CREDIT CALCULATED?

**A.** Preregistration credit is calculated by time in rate prior to date of enrollment. One thousand hours credit may be granted for each full year served in the applicable rating as an E-4 or above or in a related specialty appropriate to the apprenticeship. You may receive up to a maximum of one-half of the total hours required to complete the apprenticeship. For example, if your trade requires 8,000 hours to complete, the maximum number of credit hours authorized is 4,000. Certain trades require an apprentice to complete specific trade-related courses before time begins for calculating preregistration credit. These trades are listed on the Web site on the Additional Related Instruction Required.

### Q. WHAT SCHOOLS CAN I ATTEND TO QUALIFY?

**A.** Successful completion of an applicable military service school(s) and/or other related school(s) is one way to qualify. But, any formal instruction that provides the required background knowledge of the trade may be accepted. The Registrar is authorized to accept certain substitutes for the military school requirement if the applicant can pro-

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## ABOUT THE COVER:

**One of IKE's Ship's Sups, BM1 (SW) Eugene Enzenauer, gets one of the many keys they have available to open up one of the ship's spaces. Photo by JOSN Michael Perez.**



# ACCESS DENIED

By **IO2 Xavier Jordan**



Everyone signs a page thirteen that states specific websites, and types of Web sites that we aren't allowed to go to while onboard *USS Dwight D. Eisenhower* (CVN69).

There have been several Sailors on board who have lost their Internet privilege as of late. That may be because some Sailors don't take the time to actually read in detail IKE Instruction 5239.1E, which explains what you can and can't do on-line.

"Departmental information security system officers need to get involved by making sure their people know the IKE Internet instruction," said IKE's Information Security Manager ITC(SW/AW) Brenda Lamb and answer any questions their Sailors may have. Departmental ISSO's should also be monitoring their people's systems."

The Internet is a small portion of IKE's network. Lamb explained the reasons behind not being able to surf the net aren't out of spite; there is a broader spectrum involved.

"What Sailors don't realize is that by surfing non-military sites you may unknowing let worms in the system," said Lamb. "If a worm attacks our system, hundreds of Sailors won't be able to complete vital components of their daily missions. It's not that we don't want people to look at Yahoo, Hotmail, or things of that nature. Sailors must realize there's a bigger picture."

Any Internet site containing nudity, gambling, violence, hate groups, hate crimes, or anything of a malicious nature are obviously off limits, but there are seemingly harmless sites that will also get your account pulled. "Sites such as Ebay and even The Vir-

ginia State Lottery can cause your Internet privilege to be taken. Some sites are flagged based on words or pictures in the site," said Lamb. "We actually go into each site that hits before we contact the Sailor's department for wrongful use, if the site is apparently used for work purposes you aren't penalized."

There also seems to be a misconception about pop-ups that appear no matter what site you go to, including military sites.

"Pop-ups don't register as hits; you must actually enter the site or click on a link to have an effect on your account," said Lamb. "We also understand that sometimes you may accidentally enter a site that is off-limits so we take into account the amount of time you were on that site; if it's accidental it should only be a few seconds before you exit the site."

Sailors should also realize that it doesn't matter what time of day or night it is, non-military sites are unauthorized.

"Some Sailors may think that it's okay to go to unauthorized sites after working hours or on the weekends, but non-work related sites are off-limits even after working hours," Lamb stated. "Make sure you read and understand the page thirteen you sign before you sign it. Once that page is signed you are held responsible for your actions."

The penalties of wrongful internet use range from loss of privilege to Captain's Mast.

It seems evident that the bottom line with IKE's Internet is: when in doubt don't check the site out. ★

# ACCESS DENIED



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vide official validation of satisfactory completion of the required hours of related instruction. This instruction must be completed at an equivalent DOD, civilian, or other nationally recognized organization providing formal occupation-related instruction.

### Q. WHEN ARE APPRENTICE PROGRESS/STATUS REPORTS DUE?

A. Apprentice Progress/Status Reports are due every six months from date of enrollment. When mailing your report to the USMAP office, include the original report form (CNET 1560/2) and copies of your Work Experience Hourly Records (CNET 1560/3) for **ONLY** the period you are reporting.

### Q. HOW CAN I GET A MISSING REPORT RECORDED?

A. Contact the USMAP office and explain your problem. You will be directed in the best

way to submit your report to make certain it gets recorded in your record.

### Q. CAN I FAX MY APPLICATION AND PROGRESS/STATUS REPORT?

A. No. The USMAP scanner will not accept copies when processing your application or progress report. There may be exceptions when a USMAP staff member will ask you to fax a particular item. Only then may you fax material to the USMAP office and have it accepted.

### Q. HAS USMAP RECEIVED MY PAPERWORK?

A. If you have checked your record on-line at <https://usmap.cnet.navy.mil/pls/usmap/login.startup> and find your paperwork not recorded, we probably did not receive it. The USMAP office has a 1-2 day turn-around for processing applications and progress/status reports. As soon as the data is entered into the USMAP database it is available to you on the Web site.

### Q. WHAT SHOULD I DO IF THE USMAP OFFICE HAS NOT RECEIVED MY PAPERWORK?

A. Check with the person you trusted to put it in the mail for you. Remember to always keep a copy of everything you're submitting to the USMAP just in case your original material is lost.

### Q. WHY HAVEN'T I RECEIVED ANYTHING FROM USMAP SAYING THEY RECEIVED MY PACKAGE?

A. If the USMAP office processes your application, you will receive a copy of your approved application, along with a Work Experience Logbook and a copy of the Work Processes Schedule for the trade you were registered in. You should receive this package within a couple of weeks after mailing your application, depending on where you are located. You can check your record on-line at <https://usmap.cnet.navy.mil/pls/usmap/login.startup> ★

## SMO's Corner: ORM and Home Safety

By LCDR Walter  
Dalitsch, SMO



**Petty Officer Al Borland**

I know you've all heard it. But how many of you actually do it? You've got some home improvement project involving power tools, and you want the results to turn out better than Tim "The Tool Man" Taylor's usually do. You've just got to get it done this weekend, too. Maybe it's your own time frame, or maybe your significant other is nagging you to finally get it done.

Will you apply ORM - Operational Risk Management? Remember, ORM is NOT A PROGRAM...it's a process. We all (hopefully) use it to one degree or another, even if it's subconsciously. We ask ourselves, "Is this a smart thing to do?" Better safe than sorry, like Mom used to say, right?

Here is a wonderful story submitted by an alert reader - I'll withhold the name by

request. Let's call this individual Petty Officer Al Borland. Well, like all of us, Petty Officer Borland's house was assaulted by Hurricane Isabel. And like all of us, he had some clean-up to accomplish. His gutters were packed with pine needles, leaves, pine cones and small twigs from the storm.

So Petty Officer Borland did what any cognizant homeowner would do; he

pulled out his ladder to clean out his gutters. He didn't bother asking anybody to hold the ladder, even though his ladder angle was a bit too upright. But he got away with it, the ladder didn't fall, and he got his gutters cleaned. At least the gutters on the first story.

The problem arose when he went to clean the SECOND STORY GUTTERS. Can you see where this is going? You see, Petty Officer Borland did not own an extension ladder. So he did what any hurried homeowner without a good grasp on ORM would do: he SET HIS LADDER UP ON THE FIRST STORY ROOF!

Well at this point it goes without saying that things did not turn out too well. The ladder slipped, the homeowner fell, and I won't go into details of his injuries here. Suffice to say that he was indeed injured, he did indeed need medical care, and not only did it affect his ability to do his Navy job, but all of his home improvement projects stopped for quite a while.

Before any project, whether it be at work, at home or elsewhere, take just a few moments to weigh the risks against the advantages. If there is risk, find a way to reduce the risk or cancel the project. Petty Officer Borland could have gotten an extension ladder, used a correct ladder angle, and had help holding the ladder. His gutters would be clean, he wouldn't be in pain, and he would still be working on his home improvement instead of medical rehabilitation! ★



# IKE/INFORMATION

**Important news for IKE Warriors...**

## Crew Move Aboard

In less than six months we will be moving aboard IKE. Take a look around your government provided apartment or barracks room. Will all your belongings fit into one coffin locker and/or stand up locker? If you own large items such as a TV, stereo or exercise equipment, don't expect to bring them on board. Once you are ordered to move aboard IKE, all belongings must be vacated from your apartment or barracks room because facilities will be turned over to regional housing. If you plan to keep belongings that you are not able to bring aboard, start thinking about where you will store them. The upcoming holiday leave periods may be an excellent time to transport items back to your home of record.

**To announce your event, email  
[simondpa@eisenhower.navy.mil](mailto:simondpa@eisenhower.navy.mil)**

## TSP Open Season

The Thrift Savings Plan open season runs from now until Dec. 31. All personnel are eligible to elect or increase their Thrift Savings Plan base pay contribution up to a maximum of nine percent. Members who have not previously enrolled in TSP are eligible to join this open season. Members are allowed to change any of their prior TSP elections, including base pay, special and incentive pays during this open season. For more information, visit [www.tsp.gov](http://www.tsp.gov)

## Uniform Switch

The shift to the winter uniform of the day for all ships and stations within COMNAVREG MIDLANT area of responsibility will take effect Oct. 27.

## Late Exam

The Late Exam will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 29 at 7 a.m. in the DC Classroom, first deck of Huntington Hall. All participants will muster at 6:30 a.m. in the uniform of the day with a military ID card.





# Time out...

## BASEBALL'S BACK!



**Sports Commentary**

### By J03 Paul Simonds

**O**n the dark, dreary bus from the North Lot, on my way into work last Wednesday, I heard two or three of my shipmates discussing game six of the National League Championship Series. One Sailor said he couldn't believe a fan would cost the Cubbies a game.

Another said he would have done the same thing.

It seemed weird to hear such a colorful conversation about baseball at such an early hour. In fact it was strange to hear such a conversation about baseball at all.

As the morning went on, I jumped onboard the Floating Accommodation Facility and got to work. At sometime about mid-morning, I was able to escape my desk and enjoy the first break of the day. I sat on a bench in the middle of the smoke deck and again I overheard a much more heated discussion about the previous night's game.

The trend continued into Thursday as shipmates argued, discussed and wondered about the evening's classic match-up between the New York Yankees and the Boston Red Sox. "Tonight is Pedro's (Martinez, Red Sox All-Star pitcher) night," one PO1 said.

"No way, Roger's (Clemens Yankees All-Star pitcher) going out on top," another rebutted.

Their opinions were irrelevant. It didn't matter what side of the fence they sat, the bottom line is that virtually everyone had an opinion about baseball.

I thought baseball was dead! Wasn't it baseball that deprived us of a World Series? Isn't it baseball that has more work stoppages, as a result of labor disputes, than the NBA and NFL combined? How could so many people care about such a sport?

You know, the buzz around the 2003 baseball post season wasn't limited to only the shipyard. NBC, which was scheduled to show

a new episode of their Must-See TV show "Friends," Thursday night, decided to show a re-run instead. They didn't want to lose any of their viewers to baseball. They did the same a night earlier with their Emmy Award winning drama, "The West Wing."

The ratings war wasn't only waged against NBC. For the first time, a baseball championship game drew more TV viewers than ABC's "Monday Night Football," which had its lowest ratings in the broadcast's 34-year history for the St. Louis Rams' 36-0 rout of the Atlanta Falcons.

So what gives? Why such a sudden interest in our nation's alleged National Pastime? Buoyed by exciting games in big markets and the rise of longtime losers Chicago Cubs and Boston Red Sox, Fox's audience for the baseball playoffs is up a dramatic 37 percent over last year, Nielsen Media Research said Tuesday.

Was it only because this post season featured the Cubbies and the Sox? Or maybe this is a product of stability and forgiveness?

Baseball, it seems, has finally gotten back to the point where labor strife is no longer clouding the game. At the All-Star break in 2002, the talk around the league was of the impending strike that was sure to take place later that summer. Much like 1994, bickering between the players union and the owners was beginning to boil over. At the last moment, the two sides agreed on compromises, and the strike was avoided. True, the agreement is more like a Band-Aid than a solution, but for the time being the perception around the game is a mood of labor peace.

After the 1994 strike, I remember hearing sports casters say it was going to be a long time before fans forgive the players, and owners alike, for the fiasco of 1994. The strike that year lasted until the following spring training and extinguished a World Series for the first time in the game's rich history. It was devastating, for fans and the owner's pocket books.

Then was Cal. Baltimore Orioles' short-stop Cal Ripken burst on to the scene in 1996 breaking the "unbreakable" record of consecutive games played. It was unthinkable that anyone could overtake the Iron Horse, Lou Gherig. Ripken wasn't alone.

On Opening Day two years later, St. Louis Cardinals first baseman Mark McGwire hit a grand slam against Dodgers pitcher Ramon Martinez, beginning what would end up being an amazing homerun race between he and Cubs outfielder Sammy Sosa. Big Mac would end up with 70 dingers and Sosa with 66, but

the numbers were nothing compared to what they did for the fans.

As the race heated up, and Roger Maris' record of 61 homers fell, fans of all ages and walks of life began to stream into the ballparks and sports bars to get a look at history.

As a predecessor to this year's amazing post season, baseball put its best foot forward during our nation's darkest hour. As the planes crashed into the World Trade Center towers, the Pentagon and a lonely field in Pennsylvania, Sept. 11, 2001, the entire country began to rally together against its enemies and around the heroes in New York, Washington, D.C., Pennsylvania and abroad. But leading the charge back to normalcy were the "Boys of Summer." Burdened with heavy hearts, the players took the field and showed the country that America is strong and no one will keep this country from leading the lifestyles that are so cherished from coast to coast.

Fans again filled ball parks with ball caps on their heads and American flags in their hands cheering for not only the fellas between the white lines, but for the country for which they played.

Just like the patriotism has lost momentum, so did the country's love affair with the game...until this Autumn.

Fans had an opportunity to root for the upstart Florida Marlins. They had an opportunity to hope for the Cubbies. They had an opportunity to admire Barry Bonds and the San Francisco Giants. They had an opportunity to marvel at the great young pitchers of the Oakland A's. They had an opportunity to wonder if the Atlanta Braves would again choke in the playoffs (they did indeed). They had an opportunity to love or hate the New York Yankees. There was talk of curses, under achievers, over achievers, dynasties, large markets against small markets, Bonds, Roger, Pedro, Zimmer, Pudge, Maddux and Zito. For the first time in many years there was talk about the game. Maybe that's the most telling sign the country has finally forgiven baseball.

Now we are in the midst of another fall classic...who cares who wins. It's the World Series!

"The Yanks are the greatest franchise ever," said....

"I hate the Bronx bums," answered....

"Go fish, I love the Marlins," replied....

"Pudge is the greatest catcher to ever play," exclaimed....

Baseball is back, just sit back and listen.

For comments or questions about Time Out e-mail me at [simondpa@eisenhower.navy.mil](mailto:simondpa@eisenhower.navy.mil)



# NEED SOME HELP:

**Story by JO3 Paul Simonds and JOSN Michael Perez**  
**Photos by JOSN Michael Perez**

As USS Dwight D. Eisenhower's (CVN 69) Sailors walk throughout the ship, they notice how far the ship has come in recent years. Although there is still much to be done, Sailors, enlisted and commissioned alike, can be proud of how much has been done.

None of the work however, could have been completed without the watchful eye of the Ship's Superintendent (Ship's Sup).

The Ship's Sup maintains the flow of production between the ship's company and the shipyard workers.

BM1 (SW) Eugene Enzenauer, Deck Ship Sup said the Navy writes the jobs that need to be done onboard IKE and the shipyard workers go in and complete the jobs. Obviously the shipyard workers don't know exactly what needs to be done in each space based on a work order, so the Ship's Sup is there to help explain what needs to be done.

"We put the shipyard in contact with the Navy," explained Enzenauer.

One of the main goals of the Ship's Sup is to keep the production flowing on board IKE.

"We know where to go for problems," added Enzenauer.

Imagine a space like the galley. A ship's galley has many pieces of equipment with which shipyard workers may not be familiar. The Ship's Sup is there to alleviate confusion, which may be encountered upon receipt of a work order. There may be confusion as to how a Gaylord needs to be installed or how the scullery needs to be arranged. Without the Ship's Sup, some things may not be accomplished to Navy standards.

"We get people in contact with the right people regarding any issues with the ship," said Enzenauer.

The Ship's Sup is directly responsible for all temporary power, all rigging, all ventilation and all overhead lights. Many of the work orders that are involved with jobs such as these are handled directly by IKE's very own Sailors.

"We initiate and track all requests," commented Enzenauer.

Those who work in the Ship's Sup trailer in the hangar bay are available around the clock. Enzenauer said that there is a duty Ship's Sup ready to assist in any way possible seven days a



**One of IKE's Ship's Sups, BM1(SW) Eugene Enzenauer, looks up ownership information on the computer. Enzenauer, along with all of his Ship's Sup peers, are available 24/7.**

week.

"Most of us sleep in (the) trailer," added Enzenauer.

The Ship's Sups have a sincere desire to see the ship's work completed correctly and on time.

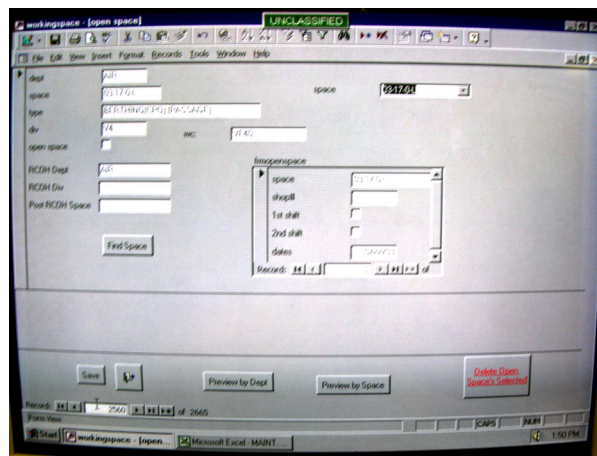
"We don't want to see the production stop for simple reasons, or where easy solutions (can solve a problem).

"If we can't solve it, we will find someone with the answer," Enzenauer said. "(Our goal) is to have the ship combat ready on time."

The Ship's Sup may be one of the busiest offices on the entire ship.

"We are always busy because we are constantly helping people," added Enzenauer. He went on to say they open about 300 spaces, ready for Sailors to take over ownership, per day.

Like so many large organizations there are always those unheralded few who really "make the engine go." For Sailors onboard IKE, the Ship's Sup is exactly that. Sailors may not know exactly where they are located or exactly what their role is, but make no mistake about it; the Ship's Sup is a vital asset to the success of IKE's RCOH.★



**A screen shot of IKE's Space Ownership Database**





# IKE's Ship Sup is here for you



**TOP:** ET2(SW) David Barnett works on the CAST (Carrier Assist Support Team) database in the Ship's Sup office. The database is a way of tracking everybody's work on the ship.

**TOP RIGHT:** The Ship's Sup houses charts, which layout each and every space onboard IKE.

**BELOW:** BM1(SW) Eugene Enzenauer, one of IKE's Ship's Sups, helps a civilian contractor with a problem. The communication between IKE and the shipyard workers is vital to the success of the ship's RCOH.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** MMC(SW) Steven Wellendorf and BM1 (SW) Enzenauer discuss the scheduled work orders received Tuesday in the Ship's Sup.





# What's Going On?

## FRIDAY

### HOWL O SCREAM

10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday

Through Oct. 26

Busch Gardens, Williamsburg

### TIDEWATER MUSICAL THEATER'S 20TH YEAR GALA

6:30 p.m.

Norfolk Airport Hilton

1500 North Military Highway

Norfolk VA

More Info: 466-8000

### BEYOND IN CONCERT

9:30 p.m. - 1:30 a.m.

Chevy's Oyster Bar

1723 Parkview Dr

Chesapeake VA

## SATURDAY

### CRADOCK HALLOWEEN

#### FALL FEST

1 - 5 p.m.

Afton Square

Portsmouth VA

More Info: 558-6322

### THUMBELINA

11 a.m., 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.

Peninsula Community Theatre

10251 Warwick Blvd. at Main Street

Newport News VA

More Info: 595-5728

### PUMPKIN PATCH PARTY

Noon - 4 p.m.

Virginia Beach Farmers Market

3640 Dam Neck Road

Virginia Beach VA

## SUNDAY

### GOOD CHARLOTTE - IN CONCERT

7:30 p.m.

Ted Constant Convocation Center

4320 Hampton Boulevard

Norfolk

### HALLOWEEN COSTUME WALK-A-THON

2 - 5 p.m.

The Virginia Zoological Park

Granby Street

Norfolk VA 23508

### MEDIEVAL LIVING HISTORY

1-4 p.m.

Joel Thompson's house

637 S. Military Hwy

Virginia Beach VA



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534-1609 with any  
questions**

AMC MOVIE TICKETS	\$3.00	\$5.00
REGAL MOVIE TICKETS		
SUPER SAVER	\$3.00	\$5.00
PREMIUM SAVER	\$5.00	\$6.50
BUSCH GARDENS SEASON PASS		
(GOLD)	\$90.00	\$99.00
(SILVER)	\$67.00	\$69.00
BUSCH GARDENS DAY TICKET	\$24.00	\$28.00
WATER COUNTRY USA - ADULT TICKET	\$21.00	\$27.00
WATER COUNTRY USA - CHILDRENS	\$17.00	\$21.00
KINGS DOMINION DAY PASS	\$17.00	\$20.00
ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS 2003	\$20.00	\$25.00
2000 MILLENNIUM CRUISE BOOK	\$30.00	\$42.00
FREEDOM PATCH	\$2.00	

## IKE 25<sup>TH</sup> MEMORABILIA

IKE 25 <sup>TH</sup> BALLCARDS	\$0.50 EACH	3 @ \$1.00
	10 @ \$3.00	20 @ \$5.00
IKE 25 <sup>TH</sup> 8x10 PHOTO	1 @ \$3.00	2 @ \$5.00
	5 @ \$10.00	
IKE 25 <sup>TH</sup> COIN		\$5.00
IKE 25 <sup>TH</sup> T-SHIRT		\$10.00
IKE 25 <sup>TH</sup> POLO SHIRT		\$15.00
IKE LONG SLEEVE SHIRT		\$15.00





# REEL REVIEWS

## The Texas Chainsaw Massacre



Movie News and Reviews

By JOSH Michael Perez

In the last decade, we have seen a plethora of horror re-makes. From *House on Haunted Hill* to the *The Haunting*, Hollywood has decided to take some cult classics and bring them back to the big screen. Unfortunately, most of these re-makes have failed to live up to what they originally were, but every now and then Hollywood always seems to surprise us with a good movie. With the guidance of the right director, a film can go many places.

Marcus Nispel really took his time to do an interesting remake of *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre* that made \$29 million in its first weekend. The last *Texas Chainsaw Massacre* movie I saw, sadly titled *Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Next Generation*, made in 1997, was a pathetic waste of talent. Director Kim Henkel leads big time actors Matthew McConaughey and Renee Zellweger to the biggest onscreen train wreck since *Batman & Robin*. While it was entertaining to see McConaughey play a bad guy with some weird mechanical appendages, his character was utterly disastrous. Renee Zellweger played the 'I'm just an innocent girl running from death' part.

Jessica Biel plays that role this time around. Biel plays girlfriend, damsel in distress and heroin all in one. Alongside Eric Balfour, Erica Leerhsen, Mike Vogel and Jonathan Tucker, the group is taking a road trip from Mexico through Texas trying to get to a Lynyrd Skynyrd concert. Unfortunately they almost literally run into a girl walking along the side of a road just outside of a small Texas town. After picking her up, the story takes no time at all to unfold.

The movie, which runs at almost two hours, surprisingly doesn't waste any time for unnecessary things. Each scene either furthers the story or reveals something new about each character. While the story isn't going to be full

of a really deep plot, the characters really make up for it. It was really great to see R. Lee Erney, of "Full Metal Jacket" fame, bring the energy of his drill sergeant character back to the big screen as the abnormal sheriff. His character was almost a sort of a comical relief in some ways. It was hard for me to decide whether to love him or hate him. Andrew Bryniarski did a great job of playing the psychotic Leatherface who's infatuated with wearing the faces of his victims like a mask. He didn't show any weakness as a horror villain. I think the director and Bryniarski really tried to make Leatherface as believable as possible, unlike other horror films that see their villains make stupid mistake after stupid mistake.

The movie, while gory, relied more on the scare factor of having things jump out of nowhere when you least expect it. While I wasn't scared of what I saw, Leatherface caught me off guard on more than one occasion.

The characters may have been very creative and interesting but the plot lacked surprises. The movie seemed too predictable at moments. The ending, while not as predictable, left me thinking one of two things was going to happen. I was surprised, however, in how quickly the film started moving. It basically hit the ground running. I was also surprised at who was the first to go. Unfortunately the small amount of surprises and the predictability of the movie really hurt its ability to make the story really stand out. I was, however, very drawn into the movie once it started. I can honestly say that I didn't lose interest once I started watching the movie.

The small-town Texas setting was well done. The environments chosen for the movie really added an eerier atmosphere to the already dark setting. The house used for Leatherface's dungeon was really appealing. It had the old backwoods feel to it. The settings were all natural environments, no Hollywood sets here. I really think that added to the B-movie feel. That does bring up a debate though. Was the director going for a B-movie feel? If that's the case, then the director might have overdone it. That is all opinion, though.

When you go see the movie you might have heard

that the movie is based on a true story. Well, yes and no. No, there wasn't a psychotic family or a chainsaw-wielding freak, but there was a man by the name of Ed Gein, on which the film is based. When Tobe Hooper put together the original *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre* in 1974, He based his lead villain, Leatherface, on famous psychotic serial killer Ed Gein.

Gein was born in Plainfield, Wisconsin in 1906. His domineering mother led a tyrant's rule over him until the day she died in 1945. After the death of his mother, Gein found a fond fascination with the female anatomy. The infatuation got so intense that he would dig up decaying female corpses and do experiments on them. He even went as far as to wear their skin as a mask. He eventually wanted fresher skin, so he started murdering women around the age of his mother (50's) before she died. Along with wearing their skin, he would fashion furniture with their remains.

After finally being caught in 1957, Gein's name became immortal for his crimes. His profile graced many books and movies. Famous villains such as Norman Bates (*Psycho*), Buffalo Bill (*Silence of the Lambs*), and Leatherface were just some of the characters based on Gein.

So this partially true movie can really put a chill in your spine if you think of it that way. If you are going to see this movie expecting an extremely original, gory and scary film, you might be disappointed. However, if you are going to see this film to see how a good re-make should be done, then you might go away with a smile...or a good night's sleep.

If you have any questions or comments, e-mail me at [perezma@eisenhower.navy.mil](mailto:perezma@eisenhower.navy.mil)

**This film is rated R for strong horror violence/gore, language and drug content.**

<b>STORY</b> – While not original and limited in what you could do with this type of horror film, they managed to tell the story well.	<b>C +</b>
<b>CHARACTERS</b> – These young actors really did a great job of creating their character in a limited time frame.	<b>B +</b>
<b>SETTINGS</b> – While there wasn't a vast amount of settings, the small town environment really stood out.	<b>B -</b>
<b>APPEAL</b> – While a re-make isn't that appealing, all B-movie fans might enjoy this flick.	<b>C +</b>
<b>OVERALL (NOT AN AVERAGE)</b>	<b>B -</b>

# NEXStep: Offering opportunities to Sailor's families

BY JOE PAUL SIMONDS

One of the reasons many Sailors join the Navy is to take advantage of the many benefits the military has to offer. What some Sailors don't realize is that there are also many benefits afforded their spouses.

NEXStep "Training for Transition" is a Department of Labor (DOL)-funded program designed to provide military spouses with guidance so they can successfully transition within or to the civilian workforce.

The process to transition from the unemployed to the workforce is a fairly easy one.

"We require all participants to go through an orientation," said Lisa Taylor, NEXStep outreach specialist. "(The entire process) usually takes about two weeks, but it can take up to a month."

There are eligibility requirements spouses should keep in mind before contacting NEXStep. If a Navy spouse or former spouse falls in to one of the following categories he is eligible for the services:

- Spouses of active duty military personnel who are being transferred in or out of the area serviced by NEXStep who are/were leaving a job because of a military move.

- Spouses of retiring military personnel who will be dislocated from a job as the result of a FINAL government funded relocation.

- Spouses of military personnel who are dislocated from a job as the result of a lay-off or staff reduction.

- Individuals who are displaced homemakers as the result of a divorce/legal separation from their military spouse.

- Individuals who are displaced homemakers as the result of the death or medical limitations of their military spouse.

- DoD civilian employees who have received reduction-in-force (RIF) notification.

"After orientation, they are set up with a career counselor," said Taylor.

The counselors can outline all the services NEXStep offers. Those services are assessment, career counseling, resource centers and training and employment.

Assessment is a comprehensive evaluation of employment skills, interests, values and academic history.

The career counseling service offers one-on-one career counseling, assistance in developing an individual employ-

ment plan and job search assistance.

The resource centers offer a wide range of services including a state-of-the-art computer center; electronic job referral services; and access to copiers, fax machines and telephones.

Taylor explained that career counselors can offer three programs to eligible candidates. Candidates can finish their degree, earn a certificate (for fields like teaching, accounting, etc.), or they can participate in On the Job Training(OJT). NEXStep has reached agreements with local businesses in order to provide OJT.

The services provided by NEXStep are free to eligible candidates and funded by the Department of Labor.

"If you are eligible, please use us," Taylor said.

To learn more about NEXStep visit them at [www.nex-step.org](http://www.nex-step.org). ★



**One of NEXStep's specialists prepares brochures to be handed out to Sailors and their families at the recent IKE command picnic.**

## CNO SAYS COMBAT OPERATIONS LAY FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE NAVY

**VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (NNS)**— The lessons learned from combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan laid the foundation for the Navy of the future, Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vern Clark said Oct. 8, at the U.S. Naval Institute's Warfare Symposium, a two-day gathering of naval leaders and institute members to discuss Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

The CNO said superior readiness allowed the Navy to give the president more options and bring more firepower to the fight during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Seventy percent of the Navy's surface ships and 50 percent of its submarines were deployed, including seven carrier strike groups, three amphibious ready

groups, two amphibious task forces, and more than 77,000 Sailors and Marines.

"I think we ought to be able to offer that kind of response every day of the week," CNO said.

"Readiness counts. One of things that we're talking about doing is to make sure that as an institution, we establish a set of attitudes that reinforces that we are going to live a lifestyle of readiness. We are going to insist on a culture of readiness."

Clark said future deployment schedules will be based less on the old six-month "heel-to-toe" deployment cycle and more on mission requirements, which will make the Navy more flexible and less predictable.

"I believe that predictability can be a liabil-

ity," Clark said. "I believe that the Navy has been too predictable. If you want to know what we are planning to do next, you just need to go to the Navy exchange and ask the cashier, and they will give you our schedule. I think we need to think about new ways to do this."

Clark added that by early next month, the Navy will be "re-cocked and ready again, just like it was the third week in December" prior to Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"We need to think in terms about our ability to respond, our ability to surge," Clark said. "We want to recognize that the world of tomorrow is a more uncertain world than the world we live in today — and we are going to be ready to respond."★





# Navy MWR announces "Scratch for Snacks" promotion at base theaters

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) — Sailors and their families will have a chance to win free snacks and other prizes at participating Navy 35mm movie theaters during a "Scratch for Snacks" special promotion throughout November in celebration of Military Family Appreciation Month.

"The 'Scratch for Snacks' promotion was made possible through a commercial sponsorship agreement between the Navy's Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) division and AT&T," explained Jane Degonzague, field support manager for the Navy Motion Picture Service Branch. "We are thankful for AT&T's continued support of MWR programs and services benefiting Sailors and their families."

According to Degonzague, "It's the first time we've had a Navy-wide promotional effort at

the base theaters and we're excited about the opportunity to give Sailors a special way to celebrate Military Families Appreciation Month."

Every customer at the 28 participating Navy 35 mm movie theaters will receive a "Scratch for Snacks" game piece along with their admission ticket for a chance to instantly win popcorn, soft drinks, or candy at the concession stand. There's about a one-in-three chance of being an instant snack winner.

Active duty personnel, retirees and their family members who don't win a snack will be eligible to enter a second chance drawing by filling out the information requested on the back of the game piece. Second chance drawings will be held locally after the last scheduled movie of the month.

"The prizes awarded at the second chance

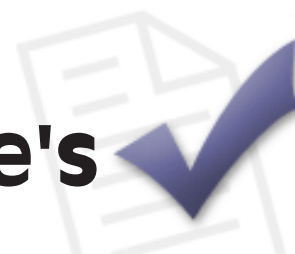
drawings are being determined at the local base level," said Degonzague. "For example, some are giving away MWR gift certificates, some have put together home entertainment packages and Port Hueneme will be awarding a 'Red Carpet Family Getaway' to Los Angeles. Sailors should check with their local bases for further details."

Navy MWR will distribute some 200,000 game pieces to participating theaters, along with posters listing the contest rules and terms of eligibility.

"This promotion is all about showing appreciation for our Navy families and also encouraging them to do things together, like go to movies," said Degonzague. We hope the promotion will make their movie-going experience even more pleasurable." ★



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## SAILORS OF THE WEEK



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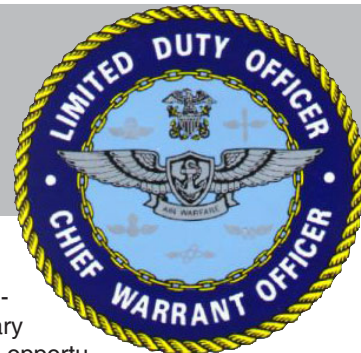
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# Navy extends deadline for LDO/CWO applicants



**SAN DIEGO (NNS)** — The Navy's Limited Duty Officer (LDO) and Chief Warrant Officer (CWO) community manager Capt. Bob Fiegl announced that the deadline for enlisted Sailors and Chiefs to apply for the LDO or CWO commissioning programs for 2005 has been extended to Nov. 1 (NAVADMIN 263/03).

Capt. Fiegl, along with senior LDO/CWO detailers conducted informational briefings on board Naval Station San Diego, Naval Base Coronado and Naval Base Point Loma Sept. 22 to 24. Approximately 120 Sailors and Chiefs attended the information briefs designed to inform prospective applicants about the LDO and CWO commissioning programs.

Senior LDOs and CWO's from around the Navy were in San Diego to attend a senior leadership conference hosted by Capt. Anthony Gonzales, commanding officer, Naval Submarine Base Point Loma. The conference focused on proposed policy changes, promotion and billet opportunities, education and Revolution in Training innovations, retirement issues and career counseling.

The LDO and CWO communities offer Sailors and Chiefs a commissioning program that enables a career path to captain in the LDO community and CWO-5 in the CWO community.

"There is an added opportunity now for qualified candidates to submit an application, get it through the chain of command and get it mailed to Millington, Tenn., so it arrives at Pers-801G by Nov. 1," said Fiegl.

The Navy places high value on the experience and skills that its top enlisted members have to offer, said Fiegl.

"This is an ideal way for qualified senior enlisted people with such skills to take advantage of the upward mobility the Navy makes possible. If this is a career change that sounds appealing, it's hoped people will seriously consider it."

"There are many job opportunities for LDOs and CWOs in surface warfare, submarine warfare, naval aviation and in a number of general designators, which encompass things like oceanography, cryptology, intelligence, explosive ordnance disposal," said Fiegl.

Fiegl said the LDO program offers qualified, career-minded Sailors the chance to take on more responsibilities and allows for en-

listed members to reach the grade of Captain.

"The Navy is still, to my knowledge, the only branch of the military that offers an enlisted member the opportunity to get a direct commission, as a first class petty officer or chief, to ensign and then be able to go all the way up to wear eagles," Fiegl said. "Today, there are 38 (LDO) captains in the Navy."

Fiegl stressed that even though both LDOs and CWOs are former enlisted, there are differences between the two that should be considered before applying. He said CWOs are selected to do highly technical jobs and are considered to be true subject matter experts. They are frequently involved with more 'hands on' duties in their technical field.

"Limited Duty Officers are looked at not only for their technical expertise but also their leadership and management expertise," said Fiegl.

Fiegl noted that the key to selection is sustained superior performance.

"If you are on a ship, you're expected to have all the qualifications you should have for your rate aboard that ship," said Fiegl. "Selection boards seem to look favorably on those with the very best performance, leadership experience, professional qualifications and job diversity."

Although it is encouraged, Capt Fiegl said college education is not necessary for selection as an LDO or CWO. However, he said, there has been an increase of quality in the applicants due to a higher number of those with college education.

"That doesn't mean an applicant won't be selected because they don't have a college education," stressed Fiegl.

Capt. Carl Mock, commanding officer, Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training, said there are approximately 6,000 LDO or CWO officers Navy-wide; nearly 11 percent of the total officer corps.

"The LDO/CWO community is an opportunity to become an officer," said Mock, who, as the senior LDO in the Navy, uses himself as an example. "If it's for you, go for it. There is no limit to what we can do. I earned a degree that the Navy paid for. I'm a CO with a staff of about 2,600 people." Sailors interested in the LDO/CWO commissioning programs should contact their command career counselor. ★

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1797 - Launching of USS Constitution at the Charlestown Navy Yard, Boston, Massachusetts. The ship is now the oldest commissioned ship in the U.S. Navy.

1942 - Carrier aircraft from USS Hornet (CV-8) conduct attacks on Japanese troops on Guadalcanal.

1944 - Seventh Fleet lands over 60,000 Army troops on Leyte, Philippines while Japanese aircraft attack.

1962 - President John F. Kennedy orders surface blockade (quarantine) of Cuba to prevent Soviet offensive weapons from reaching Cuba during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

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